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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Comelec ousts Padaca

Saddening but not surprising, says Isabela gov

By Kristine L. Alave, in Manila and Villamor Visaya Jr., Inquirer Northern Luzon

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC) YESTERday ordered Isabela Gov. Grace Padaca to vacate her post to give way to former Gov. Benjamin Dy, saying the latter won in its recount by a thousand votes.

The Comelec Second Division ruled in favor of Dy almost three years after the 2007 gubernatorial election.

Commissioner Nicodemo Ferrer said Padaca should leave Isabela's top position because Dy was the rightful winner.

"Wherefore, the Commission Second Division resolves ... to grant the instant petition, to annul the proclamation of protestee, and to direct the protestee to vacate the office of the provincial governor of Isabela and relinquish the same to protestant," the division said in its decision.

Dy received a total of 199,8[illegible] votes, while Padaca got 198,[illegible] votes, a lead

COMELEC A6



AFTER three years, Comelec says Padaca lost by 1,851 votes.

Decade likely to be hottest on record

COPENHAGEN—THIS DECADE is very likely to be the warmest since record keeping began in 1850, and 2009 could rank among the top five warmest years, the UN weather agency reported Tuesday on the second day of a pivotal 192-nation climate conference.

In some areas—parts of Africa and central Asia—this will probably be the warmest year, but overall 2009 "is likely to be about the fifth-warmest year on record," said Michel Jarraud, secretary general of the World Meteorological Organization.

The decade 2000-2009 "is very likely to be the warmest on record, warmer than the 1990s, than the 1980s and so on," Jarraud said at a news conference.

DECADE A10



GHOST TOWN The town of Shariff Aguak in Maguindanao is a virtual ghost town especially at night, except for a few soldiers patrolling the area after martial law was implemented last week.

Palace sees easy passage of 1959 edict in Congress

By TJ Burgonio, Michael Lim Ubac and Gil Cabacungan Jr.

AHEAD OF TODAY'S JOINT SESSION of Congress, Malacañang expressed confidence that President Macapagal-Arroyo's declaration of martial law in Maguindanao would breeze through the legislature.

By a simple majority vote, Congress may revoke or support the martial law proclamation.

"We have a feeling that the majority of the congressmen are supportive of what we are doing. We are also hoping that there will be more senators who see the wisdom of our course of action," Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said.

Senators, the majority of whom are against the declaration, have conceded that they would be outvoted in the joint session by members of the House of Representatives.

Seventeen senators have signed a "sense-of-the-Senate" resolution declaring the imposition of martial law in Maguindanao unconstitutional.

Secretary Raul Gonzalez, chief presidential legal counsel, agreed with Remonde's observation that administration lawmakers would vote in favor of Presidential Proclamation No. 1959.

Gonzalez said the issue would even

PALACE A6

SC okays transfer of murder cases to QC

By Norman Bordadora

THE SUPREME COURT HAS granted the Department of Justice's request that the trial for the multiple murder charges filed in connection with the Nov. 23 Maguindanao massacre be transferred from Cotabato City to Quezon City.

Gleo Guerra, a deputy spokesperson of the high court, yesterday said Quezon City Regional Trial Court Presiding Justice Ofelia Marquez had been ordered to raffle off the cases.

"The judge to whom the cases are raffled is directed to hear the cases at Camp Crame," Guerra said at a news conference.

As it stands, Datu Unsay Mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr. remains the only person charged with 25 counts of murder for the massacre of 57 persons in a convoy in support of Buluan Vice Mayor Esmael Mangudadatu.

The Quezon City RTC has around 40 branches.

Members of Marquez's staff told the Inquirer late yesterday

SC OKAYS A6

High court sees no need to issue TRO

By Norman Bordadora

MARTIAL LAW REMAINS IN effect in Maguindanao despite as many as five petitions seeking from the Supreme Court a temporary restraining order (TRO) and prohibition on its continued implementation in the province.

"The court did not feel that there is a need to issue a [TRO] at this point," Gleo Guerra, a deputy spokesperson of the tribunal, said yesterday in a news conference

HIGH COURT A6

Gov't sends bomber planes in show of force

By Marlon Ramos, Jocelyn R. Uy and Inquirer Mindanao

SHARIFF AGUAK, MAGUINDANAO—The military showed its might Tuesday by flying bomber planes over Maguindanao province, as helicopters dropped leaflets urging forces loyal to the Ampatuan clan to surrender.

The Philippine Air Force launched two OV-10 bomber planes, which flew for 15 minutes at around noon in an operation aimed at intimidating some 2,000 to 2,600 militiamen believed to be under the Ampatuans.

Members of the politically powerful clan are accused of being behind last month's massacre of 57 people, including 31 media workers.

"This is a persuasion flight," Col. Leo Ferrer, 601st Infantry Brigade commander, told reporters when asked if the flights were part of military actions against the Ampatuans' so-called private armies.

"The flight of the Broncos is part of the message for them to peacefully surrender," Ferrer said, referring to the two-seater planes that can drop 500-pound bombs.

Ferrer warned: "If they don't

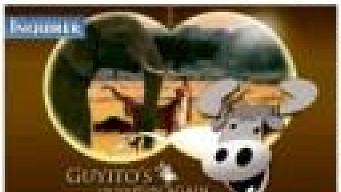
GOV'T SENDS A6

PDI sets drive to aid kin of slain journalists

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY Inquirer will launch today the "Inquirer Help Fund" to provide financial assistance and scholarship grants to children and families of journalists killed in Ampatuan, Maguindanao, on Nov. 23. The initiative is being done in partnership with the education committee of the National Union of Jour-

PDI SETS A10

Walk on the wild side with Guyito in Borneo



By Mike Morales

FINDING THE RIGHT GUYITO CAN lead you an adventure in exotic Borneo with Orang Utans or romantic nights at a resort in Mactan with the one you love.

A handful of Guyitos are scattered in today's issue, from Page One to the special sections, commemorating the 24th year of the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

But only one image of the paper's wisecracking mascot and social com-

WALK A10



PDI singers win, share prize with media orphans

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

SINGING FROM THE HEART, INCHOIRer, the choral group of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, emerged as the grand prize winner of a competition sponsored by Korean car maker Hyundai on Monday night.

The 20-member InChoirer won a tro-

PDI SINGERS A10

Second FrontPage

NP, KBL end whirlwind affair

Breakup opens door to Satur, but Bongbong stays as guest bet

THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE NACIONALISTA Party (NP) and the Kilusang Bagong Lipunan (KBL) has ended almost as soon as it began, after two militant senatorial candidates made the breakup a precondition for their joining the NP lineup for the 2010 elections.

Amnesty Int'l seeks clear timetable for martial law

Strict security



Journalists spearhead Black Day march today

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

TODAY, JOURNALISTS WILL take the lead in an indignation march to mark the International Day Against Impunity and to demand justice for the 57 victims of the Nov. 23 massacre in Maguindanao, 30 of them media practitioners.

Organized by the November 23 Movement, a coalition of media organizations, and the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), the rally will start at 10 a.m. in front of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) along España Ave., Manila, and proceed to Mendiola Bridge (Chino Roces Bridge).

Dubbed the "Black Day" of mourning and indignation, the media-led rally's main program will be held on the historic bridge from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Participants are urged to wear black clothes and black arm bands. Black ribbons will be tied on posts and trees.

Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim has granted rallies a permit and expressed support for the activity. He also offered to provide security escorts for the marchers.

The marchers will carry three mock coffins representing the issues or events attached to the Ampatuan massacre—media, rule of law and accountability.

The rally organizers are calling on artists, religious, youth, farmers, indigenous peoples, political activists, workers, teachers, urban poor, and other concerned citizens to join them.

Visionary of Salvation Mountain won't share Virgin's message



Message for Filipinos

NTC poises sanctions vs telcos







Corrections

The Daily Gospel

RP-MILF peace talks resume in KL

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA—[illegible]

'No other way'

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Slain UNTV crewman was to be married

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Candles, white roses

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Comelec ousts Padaca ...



30-year hold ended

True will of people

Unfazed

Bulacan recount

Pampanga

Big surprise

SC okays transfer of murder cases

'Neutral ground'

Rebellion raps

Other respondents

SC junks plea to bar Erap from running

Priests told to wash hands before giving communion

Bernas warns of amnesty for Ampatuans

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

Final testimonies

Congress' power

Gov't sends bomber planes in show of force in Maguindanao

Near MILF camp

Cell phone numbers

19 people detained

Plan to attack

Ampatuan Sr.





High court sees no need to issue TRO

'Bogus'

Final say

Thousands of voter's IDs found in Ampatuan mansion

By Marlon Ramos

Palace sees easy passage of 1959 ...

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Good progress

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10 hours for questions

Explanation of vote

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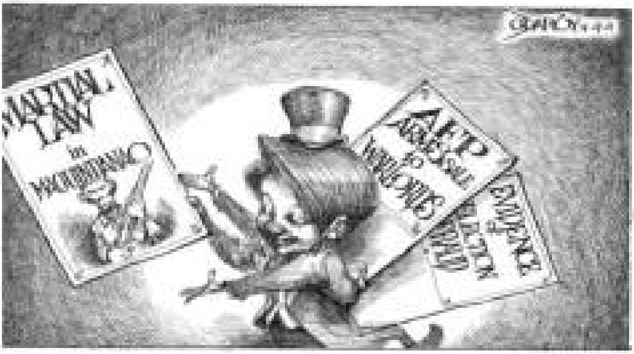
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Never again

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The Ampatuans should start singing

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Neal H. Cruz

Still, forget martial law, just resign

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Conrado de Quiros

A ceasefire in the culture war?

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Refusing to forget

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Ambeth R. Ocampo

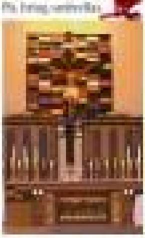
Also dismantle private armies in Sulu, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi

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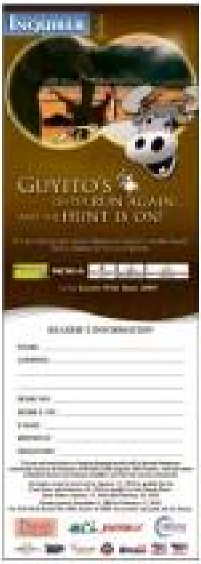
Disseminate data on voters' list—Comelec urged

Recognition in face of 'world-class' scandal









Transparency and Respect for the Rule of Law are Key to Good Environmental Governance

The past few weeks saw a passionate display of opposition by stakeholders against the issuance of environmental compliance certificate (ECC) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to Intex Resources Philippines, Inc. which operates the Mindoro Nickel Project in Mindoro provinces.

But, at the same time, the period marked a successful 'meeting of minds' of affected communities, local political and church leaders, and DENR officials through transparent and open dialogues and equal show of respect for the rule of law which led to a win-win decision through the TEMPORARY REVOCATION of the ECC issued to Intex Resources Philippines, Inc. to give way to a thorough and impartial investigation that will validate all issues raised against the project.

TIMELINE

October 14, 2009 — DENR issues ECC-CO-0904-007-2721 to Mindoro Nickel Project through its proponent, Intex Resources Philippines, Inc.

November 17, 2009 — Oppositors, comprised of Mangyan leaders, church members and other stakeholders, start their hunger strike, camping out in front of the DENR Building along Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City.

In response, a team led by DENR Assistant Secretary for Management Ricardo Isip, meets with the oppositors. The oppositors made known their demand to the DENR officals for the immediate cancellation of the ECC issued to Intex.

November 18, 2009 — In a meeting at the DENR, Office of the Secretary, Oriental Mindoro Gov. Arnan Panaligan and Occidental Mindoro Gov. Josephine Ramirez-Sato, together with the congressmen of the two provinces, church leaders and representatives of protesters demanded from DENR Secretary Lito Atienza the cancelation of the ECC issued to Intex Resources Incorporated.

In response, Sec. Atienza emphasizes that due process is necessary to determine the grounds for cancellation. Hence a 90 -day suspension of the ECC was issued to give way to an investigation on the issues raised by the oppositors specifically whether the project is located within a watershed area and if proper consultation was done in accordance with law.

November 24, 2009 — An open letter by Bishop Broderick S. Pabillo to Sec. Atienza appears in the Philippine Daily Inquirer asking Sec. Atienza to revoke immediately the said ECC based on the same grounds.

Meanwhile, Mangyan leaders belonging to SADAKI and KMI, who claimed to be the genuine representatives of the tribe and who are residing in the immediate impact area of the project , call on Sec. Atienza seeking the immediate lifting of the suspension order. They also alleged that the oppositors are those residing outside the project area.

November 25, 2009 — The DENR response to Bishop Pabillo's open letter appears, for the first time, in the Philippine Daily Inquirer. In the said response, Sec. Atienza explains the basis for the issuance of the ECC, citing facts and data supporting the DENR's action. He further stresses that the revocation of the ECC should come only after a thorough investigation and the allegations are verified and found to be true. He even emphasized that criminal action will be instituted against all those who may have misrepresented the truth including DENR personnel if the allegations are proven to be true.

November 26, 2009 — The DENR response again appears in the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Meanwhile, the oppositors continued with their hunger strike, joined by other volunteers, church leaders and LGU officials and demanded cancellation of ECC.

November 27, 2009 — Sec. Atienza still did not change DENR's position and instead approves DENR Special Order No. 2009-921 providing for the TEMPORARY REVOCATION of the ECC issued to Intex.

Sec. Atienza again meets with the oppositors in front of the DENR to explain the intent of the temporary revocation.

The Order provides for the creation of an investigation team to be composed of independent experts chosen by the provincial governments of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro and DENR, including representatives of indigenous peoples' federations based in the two provinces, and technical groups who can help determine the facts about the location of the mining concern.

Satisfied with the actions taken by the DENR, the oppositors readily and voluntarily ended their hunger strike.

" Without due process, justice cannot be served. The possible prosecution of malicious and erring DENR employees and the eventual cancellation of the ECC have to be supported by facts, not by mere allegations. Otherwise, our decision may not even be sustained in a court of law."

- Secretary Jose L. Atienza, Jr.

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Music fest helps heal Baguio folk

By Maurice Malanes
Baguio City

TROPICAL DEPRESSION PEPENG'S HOWLING winds and heavy downpour had drowned the hymns and chants of the Catholic faithful at the Baguio Cathedral in October. But during starry and moonlit nights recently, the cathedral reverberated with both sacred and secular classical music.

Classics from Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and Rachmaninoff, Christmas hymns, the Hallelujah Chorus and Filipino lullabies and serenades echoed from the Cathedral's altar during four nights since Nov. 24.

These renditions from world acclaimed performers were music from the Second Baguio Cathedral International Music Festival, which, organizers say, sought to help heal the typhoon-battered spirits of Baguio residents.

"Music heals and inspires," says executive director John Glenn Garchas. "After the devastation that the typhoons have brought to our city and other places, there is no better way to thank the Lord than through music."

> 'After the devastation that the typhoons have brought to our city … there is no better way to thank the Lord than through music'

The festival opened on Nov. 24 with an evening of tenor renditions from Abdul Candao, who had performed in America, Canada and Metro Manila. His songs from C. Gluck, V. Bellini, R. Strauss, F. Lehar and the Philippines' Ernani Cuenco were accompanied by internationally renowned pianist, Mary Anne Espina.

Baguio residents, during the second night, were treated with two concerts. The first was an organ music concert by Gregorio Alejandro Consolacion II, who performed masterpieces from Johann Sebastian Bach, Cesar Franck, Eugene Gigout and Jehan Alain. He also played some of his compositions.

As an organist, Consolacion was invited to perform for Queen Sofia of Spain when she visited Manila in 2001. He regularly performs as a pianist, organist, accompanist and conductor for small and large crowds here and abroad.

Reliving the Renaissance

The second was a chorale concert led by choir master Joe Bellinan Jr. The concert featured the Maryknoll Sanctuary Choir, Baguio City National High School Young Minstrels and members of the festival Choir.

They performed the six-voice Missa Papae Marcelli (Pope Marcellus Mass), one of the most popular Masses during the Renaissance period.

When they sang Handel's Coronation Anthems, the Baguio Cathedral audience relived the celebratory and festive mood during the 1727 coronation in England of King George II and Queen Caroline.

Before he died in 1727, King George I commissioned George Frederic Handel, who was just naturalized as a British citizen, to write the music for the coronation later that year. Handel came out with four hymns, based on texts of the Bible's Old Testament: Zadok the Priest, Let Thy Hand be Strengthened, The King Shall Rejoice and My Heart is Inditing.

As the resident performing group of the Maryknoll Ecological Sanctuary, the Maryknoll choir is known for performing "the rhythm and songs of the earth."

Under the baton of conductor Rosalinda Jamandron, the Young Minstrels of the Baguio City National High School has been hailed in the field of music in the Baguio Country Club Choral Competitions and the Aawag Pukkaw Annual Christmas Competitions.

The high school choir was also awarded third place in 2003 during the National Competition for Young Artists at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

A night of romance

The third night was a special treat of pure violin and piano classical music for Leslie Alfelle, a local weekly editor, was evening romantic when violinist Gina Medina and pianist Espina opened the night with Beethoven's Romance in F Major.

The duo also performed pieces by Fritz Kreisler and Johannes Brahms. They also did Philippine Serenade by Angel Pena, "May Likha ang Gabi (The Night Has Secrets)" by Cuenco and the folk song, "Pamulinawen Bukid."

The fourth night of the music festival was held at the University of Baguio gymnasium, where the Hangkon Palay Performing Arts Foundation of the Science City of Muñoz (Nueva Ecija) presented the Filipino dance "Hibiking," among others.

In 2008, Hangkon Palay performed during Singapore's annual Chingay Parade of Dreams, which attracted 200,000 spectators.

Big bonus

The well-attended finale of the music festival at the Baguio Cathedral on Nov. 28 was a big bonus. It opened with piano renditions by Baguio-born, and now United States-based, Augusto Cuenca from masterpieces of Rachmaninoff, known for his Romantic-era piano concerts.

Cuenca's renditions were accompanied by the Manila Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jerome Heberman, an accomplished and internationally acclaimed American music director.

Cuenca's numbers were followed by music from the Manila Symphony Orchestra, which performed Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor, op 125, Choral.

The later part of Beethoven's ninth symphony integrated choir numbers from the University of Baguio Voices Chorale and the UB Bel Canto Chorale, filling the cathedral with their rendition of "Ode to Joy," whose familiar "Joyful, joyful we adore Thee …" lyrics kept the audience awake to past 10 p.m. that Saturday.

Reinforcing the two choirs were three world renowned soloists—Janet Sabas Aracama, Camille Lopez Molina and Noel Azcona.

Drawn together by music

Baguio Bishop Carlito Cenzon, Fr. Benedict Castañeda of the Baguio Cathedral and Garchas conceptualized the festival in 2008.

Drawn together for their love of music, the three then began to talk about staging a festival for secular and sacred music. This materialized in 2008 during which they invited internationally acclaimed artists and local performers.

Through the first music festival in December 2008, the three also sought to raise funds for the repair of the cathedral's pipe organ. The organ was first brought to Baguio in the early 1900s by Fr. Raphael Deetsek, a Belgian missionary.

The pipe organ has yet to be fully repaired as part of the proceeds from this year's music festival will go to this project. The rest will go to funds to help survivors of the recent typhoons and landslides that hit the city.



BAGUIO-BORN, and now United States-based, Augusto Cuenca, accompanied by the Manila Symphony Orchestra, performs the finale of the Second Baguio Cathedral International Music Festival.

Across the NATION

Bishop slams entry of Atong Ang firm

LUCENA CITY-QUEZON Catholic Bishop Emilio Marquez on Tuesday assailed the licensing province-wide operation of an online gaming firm associated with known gambler Charlie "Atong" Ang.



Residents have mixed feelings on martial law

Pangasinan gov't backs out of case vs San Roque

By Yolanda Sotelo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

Braganza's dream: 1st class Alaminos



BRAGANZA

Good news: Floods start to subside in Laguna towns

Group says poverty in East Visayas forgotten

By Joey Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

'These are just superficial projects, which do not really solve poverty...'

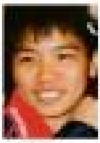
Bernabe grabs lead in Sletba Masters division

SPORTS

Ready for battle

23 champions eye golden repeat as SEA Games formally open

By Roy Luarca

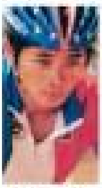




Thailand parades biggest delegation

Pinoy group prayer: RP Team unity

Cycling body shoots down Filipino riders' bid



By Roy Luarca

Hoops back in 2011 Games



SPORTSWATCH

P10-million poker tourney slated

'Memorial' derby draws big field

PCCL finals: Tams out to settle score with Eagles



PBA top guns face off today

By Musong R. Castillo

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Ex-RP Open winners eye second wind

By Musong R. Castillo

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CASAS

'Philanthropist's' vision

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

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Que, Pagunsan ICTSI golf favorites



By Musong R. Castillo

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Wanted: Filipino backcourt talents for US cage tourney

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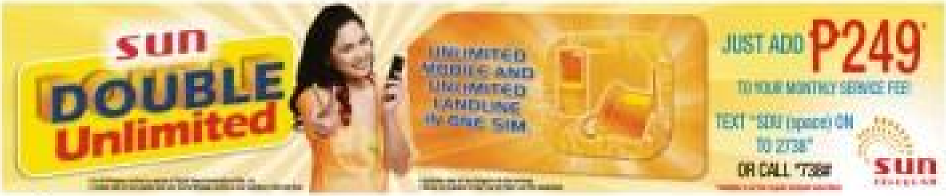
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Loss greets AI's Sixers comeback

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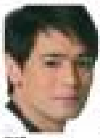
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Kho appeals PRC ruling

By Tina G. Santos

CONTROVERSIAL COSMETIC surgeon Dr. Hayden Kho has asked the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to reverse its decision to strip him of his medical license after it found him guilty of "committing immorality as well as dishonorable and unethical conduct."



KHO

Through his lawyers, Kho filed a motion for reconsideration on Monday, according to a source at the commission.

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KHO/A22

Victim's dad urges Ivler to surrender

By Joanna Marie I. Andrade

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VICTIM'S/A22



Businessman kills one of 2 car thieves in shootout

Inspection of stores in QC banned

Cuerpo, followers leave Rizal town hall

'Study, observe traffic firsthand'

Victim's …

Kho appeals PRC ruling

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Dispute eyed in school official's killing

Parañaque offers residents tax cuts

Special Mass for massacre victims

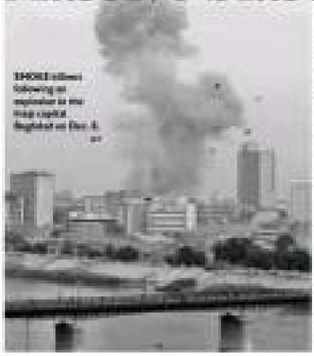
New people's movement formed



The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence B. Quesco

Massive blasts rock Baghdad; 101 dead



SMOKE billows following an explosion in the Iraqi capital Baghdad on Dec. 8. AFP

BAGHDAD—FIVE POWERFUL CAR BOMBS rocked Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 101 people, many of them students, wounding 182 and shattering a month of calm in the capital ahead of a general election.

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WorldBriefs

Mumbai bomb suspect charged

[illegible] AFP

Nightclub fire toll hits 117

[illegible] AP

Secret tunnels for leader

[illegible] AFP

Iranian students stage new protests

[illegible] AP



STAIRWAY TO DEATH A policeman climbs the accident scene on Tuesday at a middle school where a stampede occurred on Dec. 7 when students rushed down the stairs after an evening session in Xiangxiang, in central China's Hunan province. AP

8 killed, 26 hurt in China school stampede

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49 slain in Lahore bombings

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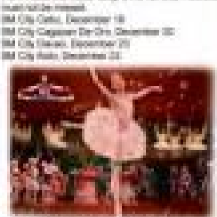
Little Drummer Boy

Charlie Brown Christmas Adventure

Santa Meet & Greet



Ballet Manila's The Nutcracker with Lisa Macuja-Elizalde



Cyberzone Christmas Mobile Craze

Storyland Christmas

Red Pin Promo

HOLIDAY MALL HOURS

BUSINESS



Peso touches 45:$1 level on strong inflows

THE PESO BROKE INTO THE 45-TO-A-DOLLAR TERRITOry yesterday to reach its strongest level in 15 months, boosted largely by inflows, such as remittances from Filipinos working overseas.



Heist inside a nest

Biz Buzz

Metro Pacific approves capital restructuring

Listed firms' profit surges, PSE reports

Jolliville cuts stake in water unit to welcome investors

PLDT to borrow P7B









Banks' real estate lending up by 17% as of Sept.

Investments in property firms' securities rose by 21%

RLC mixed-use dev't opens in Cebu

FirstGen capital hike OKd



MEGAWORLD BONDS LISTED ON SECONDARY MARKET

ERC approval sought for sale of Transco assets

Vehicle sales increased by 3.7% in November

Shares down

Call centers project 15-20% growth in 2010

Peso breaches 45:$1 level on strong inflows

MOTORING

Salon Beauties





Landcruiser enthusiast wins

Fashionistas thrive amid hard times

Salon . . .

The amount spent to restore Yao's Landcruiser is about four times the acquisition value of the vehicle





Ford Restorer wins

Fashionistas thrive despite hard times

Top reasons

Auto shows on collision course

Tale of two pressers

The break-up makes up!

Mitsubishi milestone

HONOR ROLL

The top finishers per category of the 2009 Manila Auto Salon



GOOD times are ahead for the all-new Tucson which takes center stage with, from left, Hyundai Automotive Resources Inc. (Hari) chair of the board Edward Go, Hari vice chair Conrad Marty and Fe Perez-Agudo, Hari president and Chief Executive Officer.

Tucson too soon

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

HYUNDAI SAVED THE BEST FOR last.

With just a few days remaining on the 2009 calendar, Hyundai Automotive Resources Inc. (Hari) jolted the car market with last Monday night's series of events that culminated in the much-awaited unveiling of the all-new Tucson.

The celebration held at the A. Venue Hall along Makati avenue began with Hari's annually held Media Noche Choral Festival.

The InChoirer's (the chorale group of the Philippine Daily Inquirer) medley of favorite Filipino Christmas caroling songs got the judges' nod to dethrone last year's champion, the choir group of GMA-7.

The InChoirer received P100,000 in cash with their chosen beneficiary, the families of journalists who lost their lives in the tragedy in Maguindanao, receiving another P50,000, courtesy of Hari's socio-civic arm, the Hari Foundation.

Second placer GMA-7 went home with P200,000 with third placer, Speed Magazine's singing group receiving P100,000 cash. The beneficiaries of the two also received P50,000 each from Hari Foundation.

This year's judges included pop composer Vehnee Saturno, TV and stage actress Isay Alvarez, and voice teacher and University of the Philippines professor Ritchie Medina.

The caroling was followed by the performance of "pure energy" himself, singer-actor Gary Valenciano who performed a medley of Michael Jackson songs to the delight of about a thousand guests invited by Hari for the two-in-one affair.

Gracing Hyundai's big night were the Korean Ambassador Choi Joong-kyung, Hyundai Motor Co. Senior Vice President Chun Young-Jill, Hari chair emeritus Richard Lee, Hari chair Edward Go, Hari vice chair Conrad Marty and Fe Perez-Agudo, Hari president and CEO. Most of Hyundai's 33 dealerships nationwide were also in attendance.

Amidst Gary Valenciano's lights and flair of moves, Hari's bestselling compact SUV—which has a 27.3 percent market share according to the latest figures—slowly descended to the stage, finally revealing to the audience its new "fluidic" design language.

"What you know about how compact SUVs ought to be is about to change as we herald the second coming of Hyundai's number one compact SUV," announced Hari president and CEO Fe Perez-Agudo as she unveiled the Hyundai's flagship compact SUV.

She said the all-new Tucson is set to continue the record of its predecessor, which posted a 1,500 percent increase—from just 40 units when the Tucson was initially launched in April 2005 to 600 units this month.

"We witnessed the Tucson's sales move more up—with an annual average growth of 55 percent. And finally this year the unthinkable happened: In May the Tucson rightfully took its place as the number one Compact SUV and remains the best-selling compact SUV in the market with a hefty 27.3 percent market share (as of October 2009).

Agudo is hopeful that with the all-new Tucson's launch, next year's Hari sales performance will further improve.

They are now occupying the No. 4 spot from least bottom eight years ago, the jump driven greatly by the commanding sales of the Tucson.

"Last year's sales reached, and even surpassed the 10,000 mark, a historic feat for a vehicle distributor. With the all-new Tucson leveling up our lineup, we believe we could aim for an even higher aspiration," she promised.

A couple of times in her speech, Agudo said that Hyundai's relentless rise is not mere coincidence but destiny.

Indeed, for Hyundai it's a season to be merry.



PEPO Isidoro (right), Hari dealer development manager, with Security Bank's Gerard Abregar and his wife.



AGUDO and other VIPs and guests enjoy the special evening at the A Venue in Makati.



CHORALE competition judges, from right, Isay Alvarez, Vehnee Saturno and Ritchie Medina.



AGUDO and HARI marketing services officer Peeng Batongan.



GARY Valenciano renders a special performance at the launch with the G-Force dancers.



MEMBERS of the Philippine Daily Inquirer's InChoirer whoop it up on stage after being declared winners of the second Hyundai Media Noche Chorale Festival.

MotorScope

Another award for Mazda3

FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, Philippine-built Mazda3 won the Thailand Initial Quality Study (IQS) in the mid-size car segment, according to a J.D. Power Asia Pacific Report.

The study, which measures problems customers experience with their new vehicle during the first two to six months of ownership, examines more than 200 problem symptoms covering eight categories: vehicle exterior; engine and transmission; driving experience; HVAC; audio, entertainment and navigation; features, controls and displays; vehicle interior; and seats.

Overall quality performance is determined by the problems experienced per 100 vehicles (PP100), with a lower score reflecting higher quality. The Mazda3 (137 PP100) ranked highest in the midsize car segment for the third consecutive year, beating top Japanese competitors.

"The Thailand IQS result further strengthens Mazda3's reputation as a globally multi-awarded compact sedan. More importantly, it validates the strength of our Philippine manufacturing operations and our quality process, which have been producing the Mazda3 in our Sta. Rosa, Laguna plant. It is also a testament to the world-class craftsmanship and dedication of Ford Motor Company Philippines' Filipino workforce which enabled these vehicles to earn such citations," said Steven Tan, VP for Marketing & Sales of Mazda Philippines.

The 2009 Thailand IQS Study is based on evaluations from 5,460 owners who purchased their new vehicle between October 2008 and July 2009. The study includes 56 different passenger car, pickup truck and utility vehicle models covering 11 different makes. The study was fielded between April and September 2009.

Goodyear Go The Distance

With the holiday season just around the corner, many are already making plans to travel. Goodyear Philippines, known for their excellent products and services that go long distances in safety and comfort, now makes traveling more enjoyable with the "Goodyear Go The Distance" promo where buyers get cool travel essentials for every single receipt of Goodyear tires.

A limited edition trolley bag is given for every four units single receipt of the EFI Assurance, Goodyear Excellence or Wrangler AT/SA tires while a handy and stylish gym bag is given for every two units single purchase receipt of Wrangler MWM, Assurance, EFI GMS or DuraPlus tires.

"This year, Goodyear celebrates 111 years of service and innovation. We are committed to developing products that respond to the specific need of our consumers and offer the best in performance and safety. We have launched the 'Go the Distance' promo as our way of showing our appreciation for our consumers who continue to entrust their and their passengers' lives to us wherever they travel," said Gerry Alava, Goodyear Philippines Managing Director.

These travel essentials are available at Goodyear Autocare, Servitek and Tyreplus outlets nationwide until Dec. 25, 2009.

Everest, Expedition feted

Ford Group Philippines was recognized by the Car Awards Group Inc. at the recently concluded 2009 Car of the Year Awards as two of its vehicles won best in class for their respective categories. At the annual awards show, Ford Everest 4x4 was named Best Midsize 4x4 SUV while Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer EL was chosen as the Best Luxury SUV for 2009.

"We are honored to receive these titles for the Ford Everest and Ford Expedition. Once again, these are affirming testimonies of the best-in-class performance of our world-class vehicles," says Ford Group Philippines President Dick Baker. "The recognition echoes the robust performance for both vehicles, being two of our most popular nameplates launched this year."

Introduced to the public last June, the new 2009 Ford Everest 4x4 LTD boasts of a 3.0L DuraTorq TDCi common-rail turbodiesel engine to deliver best-in-class torque for outstanding performance feel, even when the going gets tough. Accompanied by a 5-Speed fast automatic with electronic shift-on-the-fly, unmatched off-road capability, excellent ground clearance and river fording ability the vehicle is complemented by new design elements that enhance the Everest's image of dominant toughness.

The 2009 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer EL on the other hand, rolled into Ford showrooms nationwide last February with an additional 14.8 inches in overall length that provides an additional 24 cubic feet of cargo space. It also features an IBG-capable, 300 hp engine, and is equipped with Ford's award-winning SYNC connectivity technology.

It's not just the floor mats or the gas pedal, folks

On the Road



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

Industry execs see brighter days ahead

By Abigail L. Ho



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Timeless children's Christmas

Let each ornament tell a story

Photos by Rodel Rotoni

CREATE HOLIDAY decorations with the theme Timeless Children's Christmas.

What makes it different is each ornament tells a story.

The artful and subtle flow of Christmas decorations in the home makes it truly unique.

There should be clever integration of Christmas ornaments into existing décor.

Use bigger-scale toy-like ornaments for the tree like a train or Santa on a sleigh.

Use traditional Christmas decorations and achieve balance between the contemporary interior and classic Christmas elements.

How does it complement the house?

The house has neutral tones and wood elements that the traditional colors fit well to achieve elements.

Materials

Plaid ribbons in shades of burgundy, green and gold

Red berries

Red, gold and green Christmas balls

Silver nutcracker ornaments

Nostalgic toy tree ornaments

Traditional Christmas character tree ornaments

Christmas elf, snowman, reindeer and Santa dolls





(LEFT and above) Use bigger-scale toy-like ornaments for the tree.

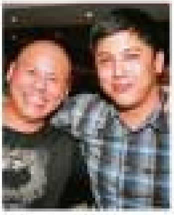


TRADITIONAL colors fit well in a house with neutral tones and wood elements.



ACHIEVE balance between contemporary furnishings and classic Christmas elements.









Congressman Ronald Singson marks his birthday with fun bash







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Maurice Arcache

Fashionistas get taste of Heaven

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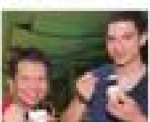


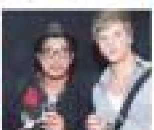


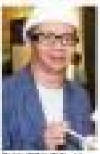


























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Italian espresso makers for Pinoy homes

By Walter Ang
Contributor

Different designs



WHIMSICAL metal heart detail



TALEA Giro, Saeco's best-selling model

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Guitar concert at UPLB



AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Madrigal Singers in Pampanga

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How to teach kids to delay gratification

I realize what was simple then is known as sustainable now



Sustainable life

How to teach kids to delay gratification





Wildlife sanctuary



I have become my mother



THE AUTHOR with mom Caridad Sanchez

ROOTS AND WINGS



Cathy Babao-Guballa

PHOTOGRAPHS SPEAK VOLUMES about many things left unsaid. As I looked at the photograph, I realized that after all the years of denying it, I have become my mother's daughter.

Okay, it's not mother's day, but since Christmas is usually about family, and the fact that I thought I might as well write to honor the one person who has been such a huge influence in my life. Consider this an advanced Christmas present, mom.

I recently stumbled upon the photo you see on this page. Though physically I take more after my father, as I have grown older, and hopefully wiser, I have become my mother, in more ways than I would probably even care to admit.

A few weeks ago, I had written about finally finding the joy in being alone. That is something I have had to learn from my mom, both through her walk and talk.

Mom is the original solitude queen. She marches to the beat of her own drum. She goes off where and when she wants to.

Fear of flying

Mom is independence personified. I am like her in that sense. Except that she is deathly afraid of flying and hasn't gotten on a plane in the last three decades.

But also, like most women of her generation, she chose to carve out moments of solitude while my brother and I were in school, or during lulls at work.

Nowadays, she likes to drive off by herself, taking long walks in the shopping center where she can. Because of her popularity and familiarity to the place, she could easily win barangay captain if she wanted to.

When our father died, unbeknownst to us, she would drive off the house around the city, crying over her loss. After the long drive, she would come home and be fine again.

On most days, in the later part of her widowhood, and up to this day she would go and effortlessly run a 5K or even a 10K without a care in the world. She picked up running in her mid-40s which is something I have also done. For mom and myself, solitude and running have become as essential as the air we breathe [illegible].

Emotionally porous

Call it discernment or intuition but my mother has large doses of both. We are what you could call emotionally porous women. Perhaps this is also part of the reason she is [illegible] and I am a writer.

We easily pick up on the emotions of others, especially those we are close to. I didn't know this is a genetic trait, but it is something even my own daughter has in abundance.

I had a suitor my mother could not stand at all. She just didn't like him. True enough, when the relationship ended with great bitterness, all she could do was shake her head. Mom was right all along. Of course there have been times when her intuition has been off, but most of the time, in my growing up years, she's been spot on.

Different generation

Mommy likes to call a spade a spade; like her, I like to say things the way they truly are. But because she comes from a different generation, mom is often still conscious about what others might say about [illegible]. I believe that so long as I am at peace with God and the decisions I have made, people can well think and say what they want.

But like my mother, and her mother before her, I have been a rebel in many ways. Then again, that could also be my father's Ilonggo genes rearing its rebellious head.

Mom is feisty and she always likes to see the humor in things. Like the comedienne that she is, her wit has always helped us sail through the moments of woe. Mother is the eternal optimist, something I have tried to be, especially over the last few years, as my own children are now quickly growing up.

We both mother with a fierce passion. We protect our young, just as the famous she-lion. After my dad died, mom, who was married to the love of her life, opted not to remarry and her tagline became "I focus on my children."

And that's how it has been for her in the last 20 years. Nowadays, it has become even more encompassing—"I focus on my children, and my grandchildren."

Yes, I have come to accept that I am like her, yet unlike her still. As we have both grown older, she has learned to let go and accept our differences, and I have become more tolerant of her.

Mommy will always be a force to contend with, and she always likes to [illegible] as stubborn as my father was—impossible in many areas, even to her. But perhaps it is because she sees a lot of herself in me, too.

Like many other mothers and daughters, we have had many moments of grief though now that I am older and she has mellowed, somehow, the years and everything we have both gone through as women, wives, mothers and daughters have taught us faith, forgiveness and acceptance.

In recognizing and respecting our differences and similarities, we have finally found our peace. It's been quite the journey, really, but I would not have had it any other way.

So if you're reading this and still have your mother around, no matter how conflicted the years may have been, I hope you find it in your hearts to mend what is there because the bonds between a mother and child go far beyond any other.

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NORTHWING ATRIUM of SM City Cebu turns into a Christmas wonderland with trees for auction.

From Chanel to Venice —Cebu style icons get inspired

Christmas tree auction for charity



MARY Anne Aboitiz-Arcilla before her "White Light" tree

CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY IN CEBU this year when its style icons designed unique Christmas trees for a Christmas tree auction at the Northwing Atrium of SM City Cebu.

The October auction, called "Oh Christmas Tree," was held for the benefit of "Ondoy" calamity victims and other charities.

Cebu's top fashion designer Philip Rodriguez paid tribute to Coco Chanel by decking his tree with miniature fashion accessories—bags, shoes, pearls.

"My main design inspiration was the glamour of Coco Chanel. Christmas to me translates to celebrations, parties, family reunions and other occasions to dress up and be beautiful," said the designer.



PHILIP RODRIGUEZ beside his Coco Chanel-inspired tree



Teresin Mendezona, Cebu's style maven who's been behind the province's high society events (including the Apo dinners) designed an elaborate tree inspired by the Venetian carnival titled "Il Carnivale."

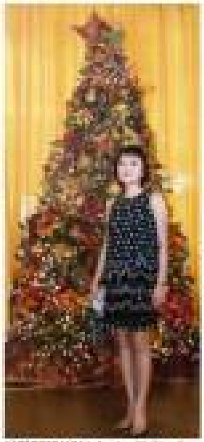
"I wanted to create a joyful, festive tree embellished with Venetian carnival masks, feathers and beautifully colored Christmas balls," she said. "Christmas is about celebration because no matter how dire things may seem, there is always something left to celebrate and be thankful for."

Another fashion designer Kate Torralba, put her typical whimsical stuff in a tree called "Holidaze," which was filled with black beads and ribbons.

"There were two inspirations behind my tree design—love and happiness," she said. "I just wanted my tree to be happy and pretty. As a fashion designer, I always try to incorporate an element of fun in my pieces."



SM VP Marissa Fernan (far right) with guests Margot Osmeña, Teresin Mendezona, Chita Lapa, Nenni Uy and Arcy Gayatin



KATE TORRALBA before her "Holidaze" tree

Mary Anne Aboitiz-Arcilla of Cebu's elite conceptualized a warm, homey yet elegant tree with lots of family pictures. Titled "White Light," it was in silver and wintry white.

"I wanted my tree to be simple and timeless, with understated elegance. The white birds represent hope and purity, while the mirrored disco balls lend a modern touch. The mirrored picture frames are for family pictures because Christmas is really about people you love."

Alex Mobilla brought attention to the environment with his "Living Forest" tree.

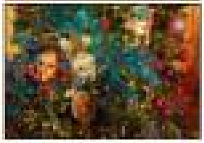
"While designing the tree, I had in mind concepts of sustainability and green solutions," he said.

Lastly, painter Romulo Galicano and his artist-friends collaborated on a tree adorned with paintings of varied styles. It was called "The Artists' Collective."



ROMULO GALICANO'S "The Artists' Collective"





MENDEZONA (right) and Lapa beside the former's tree of carnival masks

"The tree is cohesive in design, despite the diversity of our works," he noted.

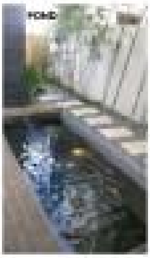
The designers and icons, who sourced their materials from Country Classics, were gathered by SM Vice President Marissa Fernan, the brains behind the Northwing project. The successful auction was sponsored by Banco de Oro and Cebu Pacific. American Express Card.

Clean and green living in Taguig

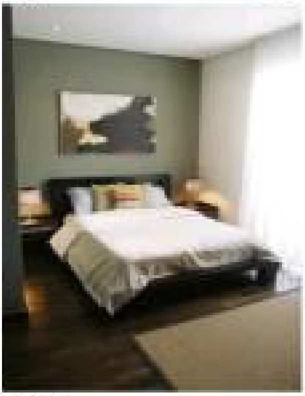
Ecology in gracious space—or how, after having lived in 20 condo units all these years, Marc Nelson finds a home



ARIANA model



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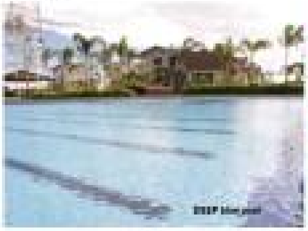
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LIVING room



DEEP blue pool



SAMSUNG Electronics host over a thousand exhibitors to win Best Booth at the 19th Philippine Construction, Equipment and Building Materials Exhibition and Technology Forum, the country's largest building technology show.

New air-conditioner helps eliminate bacteria

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not only care for the health of consumers with the MPI technology but also the health of the environment with its energy saving features," says DJ Kim, Samsung Consumer Electronics, Home Appliances advisor.

Samsung Electronics beat more than a thousand exhibitors to win Best Booth at the recent 19th Philippine Construction, Equipment and Building Materials Exhibition and Technology Forum (Philconstruct), the country's largest building technology show.

The Samsung MPI and 5-in-1 cooler Fresh will be available in all leading appliance stores starting January 2010.



SAMSUNG booth highlighting LED technology

Winners of 'Captured Smiles' photo contest

AUTOMATIC CENTRE, an appliance retail chain, launched "Captured Smiles," a photography contest which aimed to capture the Filipinos' happy moments and contagious smiles.





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A lifestyle and a home from an era long gone

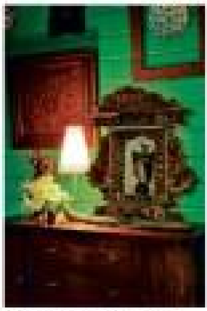
Adrian Lizares' Balay Tana Dicang Museum in Talisay harks back to an 'haciendero's' childhood

THE RESIDENCE OF Ayiendro Adrian Lizares in Talisay, off Bacolod City, defies the conventions of decor books as it's rather personalistic in style. An ancestral home, it's just logical—as how he describes his decor style—that it would have vintage furniture, heirloom pieces and memorabilia from trips.

[illegible]



TOPS in Turkey... [illegible]



ANTIQUES [illegible]



THE WALL [illegible]



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PROMO MECHANICS:

A lifestyle and a home . . .

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rank in Mindoro.

"It was the coolest trip I ever took in my entire life, knowing that a few days previously, tragedy had struck, says Linares.

Back in Tabing, he recalls, the house was a place for family gatherings and parties. The living room served as dance floor for parties in the '60s. Lola would host cocktails for the old Tabing families such as the Balcells, de Ocos, Granados and de la Ramas.

The key furniture pieces came from the Linares-Pastilla hacienda in Mexico, Pampanga, where Linares' grandparents had a 1920s house. There were the iconic narra Gonzalo Puyat pieces such as the dining table, the chairs from the then Iloilo Hotel which belonged to his grandmother's sister.

Shortly after the house was built, [illegible] had a portrait by Fernando Amorsolo, which has dominated the living room since it was painted in 1962.

The hardwood pieces are combined with [illegible] furniture from the Lopez's family residence, from Linares' father's side. There are collections of porcelain and silverware from Venice and Prague acquired on his grandmother's trip to Europe and the US in 1938.

When Linares was a child he used to sleep beside his grandmother on the same Chinese four-poster bed. "We call it in Bisaya [illegible], or 'we sleep beside each other.' Later on lying in bed became a rare sign of decadence when we would spend long hours doing a ligid-ligid which means literally 'rolling in bed'—another term for pajama party," he says.

The bed is now the focal point of his bedroom. It was made by a Chinese furniture maker from Manila called Ah Tay.

"That's a status symbol for wealthy Filipino homes in the 19th and early 20th century to own furniture made by this man," he says.

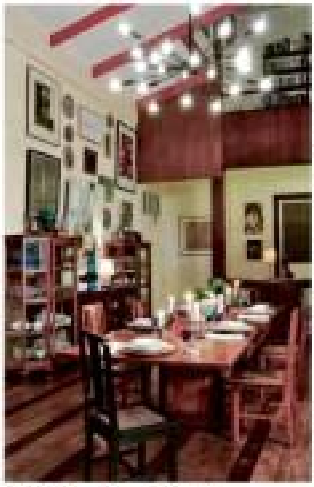
The living room set will has been reupholstered with the trades, Orlando Furniture Co., Tomas Pinpin Street, Binondo.

"I arrange furniture pieces by function most importantly, what I need to do and where I should do it. Where is it best to have things set up? Where do chairs go for friends so they can sit around the balcony, a table for my reading or meal in the [illegible] in the mornings where I can see the garden.

"I don't really collect things but manage to come home with things that all look and feel as if they have been there for the longest time. Perhaps I get them because they resemble the things that I grew up with."



THE PIANO as memorabilia center for family photos. Photos in various sizes, with other objects, are visual focus.



SPUTNIK chandeliers were in vogue in the '50s when the Russians were exploring outer space. They are a contrast to the narra dining set, the striped balayong and molave wooden floors.



DOWN-UPHOLSTERED slipper chairs from Europe on the Tho Ah Tay bed. The wall is filled with artworks depicting "Entierro" by BH de Leon, Ang Kiukok.



THE ENTRANCE porch's floor is lined with machuca tiles. A glass screen lets the light inside a dark corner. The settee is from Lopez, and the artworks of Mother and Child and Pablo Mahinay's sculpture are on the balayong table.

Philippine tile firm joins Vietnam fair

SHOWCASING BALDOSAS Y Azulejos de Cemento, or handcrafted decorative cement tiles, Composite Construction Products Corporation takes part in the 3rd ConBuild Vietnam to be staged in Ho Chi Minh City.

Vietnam's ConBuild is an international trade fair held this month at the Saigon Exhibition and Convention Centre, featuring construction and building materials, machinery, vehicles, technology and services.

With contemporary designs and trendy colors, Composite Construction breathes new life into the art that traces its roots from the Middle East and its bordering European neighbors. It was introduced to the Philippines by the Spanish colonizers in the 18th century, and flourished until the 1930s.

It was company owner Edwin Zapata, a chemical engineer by profession, who noted a very wide gap in the quality and availability of product designs in the local cement tile market, which, in addition to the flood of cheap alternative imports, was draining the industry dry.

His observations prompted him to apply the training he received in Germany on the use of concrete additives and polymer concrete to large scale flooring applications in the Philippines. Composite Construction was born soon after in 1995.

"We see the change that happened in the local tilemaking industry which was already dead when we arrived at the scene," said Frances Manasan, VP for marketing.

More than the precise skill that comes into their designs, their tiles are also environment-friendly.

"The carbon footprint of a cement tile is only 1/20th of a similar fired ceramic tile product… and they can be readily recycled," Manasan explained.

Composite's export markets now include Europe, North America, and China, where a boutique distributes their tiles in Shanghai.

Apart from Composite Construction are two other Philippine companies to join ConBuild: [illegible] Inc. (alkyd and polyol resins) and Total Power Bio Asia, Inc. (electrical switchgears and panels).

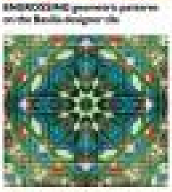
Leading the Philippine participation is the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions, an attached agency of the Department of Trade and Industry (tel. 8311268 or 8313261 locals 207 and 227; e-mail [illegible]@citem.com.ph; www.citem.com.ph/ConBuild).



COMPOSITE Construction's handmade cement tiles



EMBOSSING geometric patterns on the Basilio designer tile



COLORFUL Casablanca designer tile




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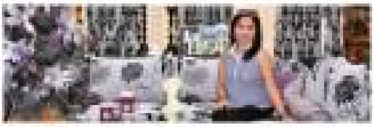
Go black and white–or color–for Christmas



BLACK AND WHITE CHRISTMAS



MERRY AND BRIGHT



MID-CENTURY MODERN HOLIDAY

Another sign that Christmas is here

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Feedback

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'Dukot' gets an 'A' grade

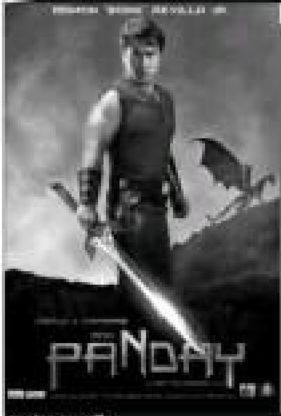
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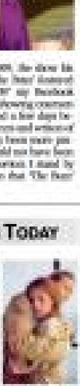
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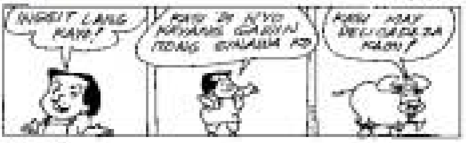
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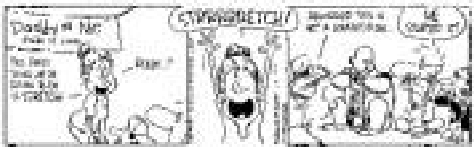
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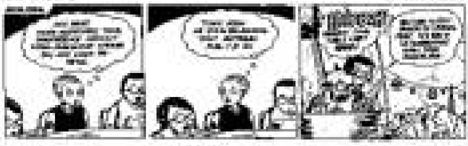
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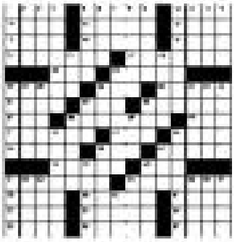


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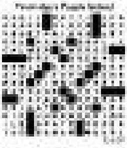


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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

		9	2	1	8	5		
	4						9	
5				4				3
9				5				2
4	8			9	2	6		7
7								5
6								8
	9			8			5	
		2	5	6	4	1		

Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

1	5	3	8	4	9	7	2	6
6	2	9	3	7	5	8	1	4
4	7	8	6	1	2	3	5	9
8	1	5	4	2	6	9	7	3
7	6	4	9	3	1	2	8	5
9	3	2	5	8	7	6	4	1
2	4	1	7	9	3	5	6	8
3	8	6	2	5	4	1	9	7
5	9	7	1	6	8	4	3	2

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